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## WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

**Deadline: December 18, 2016**

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My name is Chris O'Conner and I have been a lakefront resident on Meydenbauer Bay for a number of years. I have reviewed your agency's draft NPDES permit and have comments related to this draft permit.

*Page 26 -S5E1e Shoreline Posting Requirements*

*e. Remove all old signs at the end of the period of water use restriction*

This requirement will serve no purpose. I have noticed that most of the signage lake-wide is removed by the property owners shortly after treatment. Requiring the contractor to come back to the lake after all of the restrictions have expired to remove the few remaining signs will only add additional costs to our treatment program. All of the water use restrictions are identified on the postings. Once my family is aware of the restrictions, I typically remove them.

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*6. The Permittee must email to Ecology, at [apampreposttreat@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:apampreposttreat@ecy.wa.gov), a copy of the notice, the date of distribution, and a list of addresses that the notice was delivered to, no later than one business day following public distribution. The Permittee must email a copy of the notice, including the date of distribution, to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR at [Todd.Brownlee@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:Todd.Brownlee@dnr.wa.gov)) no later than one business day following public distribution. The Permittee need not notify DNR for treatments occurring on privately owned lakes with no public access.*

By demanding that the Permittee submit this list to your agency, you are allowing this information to be available to any person or environmental group, locally and nationally, for its own agenda, through the Freedom of Information Act. I find this could lead to an invasion of my privacy. There should be other appropriate means for Ecology to determine if such notifications were posted. Perhaps instead, the Permittee could send the DOE a copy of the posted sign and a statement that in the **specific areas treated**, this sign was posted on each property. Any personal information should only be submitted to the DOE after a complaint has been documented that such notice was not received.



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